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A FINE JOB

We hasten to congratulate those responsible for the splendid Christmas lighting of the streets in Appomattox's business section. It is the best display in years. Mayor Buchanan deserves a hand, and members of the volunteer fire department, and those business places who contributed. The firemen did the work, and proved again that they are all out to help the community. So, to all who joined in this fine effort, we say, thanks.

MR. HARDY AND THE PAPER DRAGON

(Norfolk Ledger-Dispatch)

Representative Porter Hardy has just done some paper-work on the government's paper-work at a single military installation. At that installation, which he did not name, he found that 57,000,000 pieces of paper were used in the execution of 16,000 contracts during the fiscal year of 1950—an average of 3,700 pieces of paper per contract negotiated. Mr. Hardy is chairman of a House Executive Expenditure subcommittee, and he states as a preliminary finding of his inquiry the need for further investigation of the "waste and extravagance" in the mechanics of government procurement.

The Hoover commission went into this staggering subject as it concerned primarily the paper-work of the civilian agencies. It found, for example, that about half of the 3,000,000 government purchase orders issued each year are for $10 or less, but that the average cost of the paper-work and other red tape involved in filling each order far exceeds $10. So great has the passion for quintuplicate and sextuplicate filling become in Washington that government records in 1949 filled 18,000,000 square feet of floor space with a rental value of $20,000,000 a year—the equivalent of six Pentagon buildings.

HEARTENING REPORT

(Winchester Star)

It is announced by the International Council of Religious Education that the slump in Sunday School attendance in recent years has been reversed. Rate of increase in Sunday School enrollment is greater than increase in church membership and population of the country. Enrollment increased 7.03 per cent last year compared to a 5.8 per cent increase in church membership and a gene. l population increase of 3.6 per cent.

Sunday School enrollment grew rapidly until 1930 and then a slump began. Now there are 243,454 Sunday Schools in the United States and an all-time high enrollment of 28,823,749.

This is a heartening report. Unless parents see to it that their children are in Sunday School, they will not receive the teaching in Christian principles they ought to have to round out their education.

The Bible was once the chief inspiration of Americans. It was the basis of their morals, directed their thinking and clarified their language. Many of the great speeches and papers of the nation bear testimony to its influence. Bible study should be encouraged and a good way to do it is through Sunday School attendance.

WELL NATURALLY

(Belleville, Ill., Daily Advocate)

Ohio State University has finished a survey on talk. Of more than a thousand persons interviewed, 41 per cent believed that other people talk too much. Strangely enough, only 17 per cent admitted that they themselves talked too much.

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Sharing Our Faith

Lesson for December 10, 1950

SCRIPTURE: Acts 8:1-13; 18:1-7; I Corinthians 9:16-17; II Corinthians 5:17-20; Philippians 1:12-18; 2:12-18.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Romans 1:

A COMMON sight in cities of ancient times was the "libation." Statues of gods or goddesses stood at every prominent corner, in every yard; they were as numerous as billboards today. Before one of these statues some one would be pouring out wine from a cup or goblet, an offering of thanksgiving or dedication. Saint Paul even used the libation as a figure of speech to describe himself. My life, he said to his friend Timothy, is being poured out—there was not much left of it, but all of it, every drop, would be poured out as an offering to God.

Dr. Foreman

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Miser of Life or Spender?

PAUL was no miser of life. If life was a full cup, it was not a cup with a tight lid, not like one of your grandmother's jars of very special preserves to be saved and saved but never used. Paul was a spender of life. Whatever God had given him was to be poured out, not to be saved.

There is something in every one's cup of life; something that spoils if kept too long, something fragrant and beautiful when poured out in service.

The miser of life finds that life at last turns sour on him. The spender of life finds that as he has given, in the same measure it will be given him.

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Faith Can't Be Hoarded

ONE very important part of the Christian's life is high-lighted for us in this week's Scripture: his faith. Indeed, faith ought not to be a part of life for the Christian. Faith is no more a "part" of life than sunshine is a part of the out-of-doors. Without the sunshine there might as well not be any out-of-doors. So without faith the Christian's life would be mere existence.

The question is: What do we do with our faith? Do we keep it for ourselves alone or do we pass it on?

Last summer a man tried to get a grocery store to take back 100 pounds of sugar which he had laid up during World War II. He had hoarded it till it was hard as rock and he could not use a pound of it. (The grocery would not take it back, and it served him right.) Faith is like that. It is sweet and good — but only if we use it and share it, not if we keep it to ourselves.

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What Is Sharing Faith?

SHARING your faith means helping others to have a faith at least as strong as your own. All around us there are persons who have no faith at all. They are discouraged, blue, bewildered, at loose ends—in the sad old phrase, they are lost. Sharing your faith means sharing it with just such people.

With some things, the more you give away the less you have left; but the arithmetic of religion is different. The more you give away, the more you have. Shared faith is living faith; shared faith is growing faith.

There are more ways than one of sharing our faith. One way is to talk about it. A person can "give a testimony" in a prayermeeting, and share faith that way; but this is not the only way. A person who merely talks about faith is a little like a gardener who is proud of his own garden and brags on it, but never helps his neighbors with theirs.

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How Can We Do It Every Day?

REMEMBER, what we are really trying to share when we "share the "gospel" or "share Christ" is not an argument, a set of propositions. The big thing is not arguing other people into becoming Christians.

Very few persons have ever become Christians because some one talked them into it. Talk has its place, and every Christian should be eager to say a good word for Jesus Christ at every chance. But good words for Jesus have their best effect when they come from a life that is really His.

A Christian whose faith is something put on on Sundays with the "church clothes" is not going to have any great success as a soul-winner. We can't share faith we don't have; we can't share second-hand or imitation faith. A former Mohammedan, being asked what was the great argument that won him to Christianity, replied, "It wasn't any argument, it was the lives of some missionaries."

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TRAFFIC TOLL

NOW AT 817 IN VA.

Latest death reports on Virginia highways have brought the total for 1951 to 817, which exceeds the full 1949 total.

One hundred and eighty-four of those killed have been pedestrians.

Garden Club urges homeowners to use outdoor Christmas decorations this year. Prizes are offered.

Estimated million Reds now participating in Korean war.

Snow, sleet and hail hit Virginia highways.

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Herbert Gowin killed two turkeys recently.

Johnny Franklin, of Petersburg, spent a day recently with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson and children.

Robert Roach killed a cow last week.

Mrs. D. R. Inge and Mrs. Toby Inge was putting up a flue for C. S. Ranson last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Farrar called to see Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johnson awhile last Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Almond and children, Joe and Harry, were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lowis Stevens Friday night.

Sandra Ruth Roach spent Saturday afternoon with Cassie Baldwin.

Joe Almond took Mr. and Mrs. B. Wilson to Glasgow Saturday to see their daughter, Ellen.

Robert Roach and son, Stanley, took a load of tobacco to Lynchburg Saturday, to be ready for the market Monday.

Mrs. J. A. Garrett, of Evergreen and daughter, Ethel, and son, Oscar Red House spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge and Sidney Dale.

A very good crowd was out for the regular preaching service Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Franklin, Mrs. Ora Ranson and Charlene, Joe Almond and Cassie Baldwin went to Amherstsville Sunday to see the sick and Mrs. C. C. Carter.

A program for the W. M. U. Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions was given just after Sunday school hour by Mrs. Richard Inge and Mrs. Glen S. Martin.

A Christmas Program will be given at Rocks Church Christmas Eve night.

Richwood

Richwood, Dec. 5.- "Freedom in everybody's job our precious heritage is too valuable to be lost by submission to petty tyrants, pity seekers and malicious propa..andists. Do not be a 'yes man;' resist aggression on your freedom of thought, and view with suspicion the words of the habitual knocker."

—Quoted.

Services at Wesley Chapel at 3 P. M. Sunday.

Misses Jean and Inez Blazer spent the week-end in Lynchburg with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Woodall.

Mrs. B. Paulette and children visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Harvey Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh were the guests Saturday evening of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh at Rocks.

Mrs. Robert Wilburn and children visited with Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gillis, of Appomattox and Mrs. G. P. Brannan and daughter, Valera visited with Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Woolridge and daughter, Marvis Sunday afternoon.

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Paul Ferguson and Gregory Ferguson, from Lynchburg and A. B. Ferguson spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Reynolds and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Gamble and daughter, Dolores visited his parents Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Gamble Sunday.

Mrs. C. J. Paulette and Mrs. Refa Bruce were in Lynchburg the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Lerner and children, and Mrs. Albert Lerner, of Lynchburg were visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Paulette Sunday.

Miss Doris Austin spent Sunday with Miss Bessie Ann Glover. She was accompanied home by Bessie Ann Glover, who spent the night with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Farrar, of Roanoke spent the week-end at their home near here.

Those visiting Mrs. Eddie Warriner over the week-end were Mrs. H. B. Cralle, Mrs. Z. E. Cheatham, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. David Garrett, Mr. and Mrs. Mott Harvey. We are glad to say that Mrs. Warriner is improving.

Mrs. Clara Garrett was in Farmville Saturday.

J. L. Evans spent last Sunday with his wife at Catawba.

Jay Stewart spent a few days recently with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Stewart.

Senator Byrd calls upon the U. S. to get out of Korea.

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Red Korean capital is recaptured by Communist forces.

House votes a 75 per cent excess profits tax.

Court grants Judith Coplin a new trial.

Charles Ross, aide to President, dies suddenly in his office.

Eleven nations join is asking the Communists to halt at the 38th parallel.

American Christmas as Old as Columbus

The celebration of Christmas in this country has deep and permanent roots, although at one time its observance was nearly exterminated.

The first Christmas observance was shortly after Columbus discovered America. The Santa Maria beached on Christmas Eve and all Christmas day Columbus and his men worked to free her. When it was found hopeless, she was stripped and as much gear as possible taken to the Nina.

However, the Nina was unable to carry all the men, and some were left behind in a fort, that in honor of the season was called Le Navidad, the nativity.

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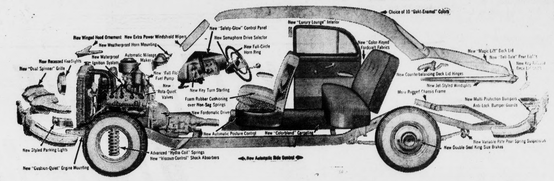
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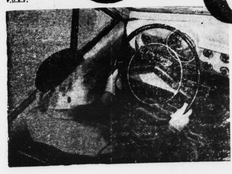

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